



Word from the Mayor

Latest News from Your Municipality
September 2019

Goodbye to Our Students

Autumn colours have begun to appear and students have now gone back to school. Several of you have packed your bags and returned home. It is also time to say a heartfelt thank you to our students who worked with us this summer. Their presence was made possible thanks to the federal *Emplois d'Été Canada* subsidies.



David Graham, Mathieu Tousignant, Blair Alexander Barber and Daniel Charette

It's important to emphasize their valuable contribution, in particular:

Mathieu Tousignant, the road attendant, who, upon completion of a specialized training with an engineer, did an extensive inventory of all culverts in the municipality. This will help us ensure improved monitoring of water flow. Furthermore, he repaired potholes, straightened and replaced signs, completed maintenance in the public parks and, when necessary, cut certain trees. We wish him much success in his studies.

As to **Blair Alexander Barber**, he assisted Mathieu with roadwork and managed the

access to the boat launch. Good luck in your studies Blair!

Jessica Krejcik played a critical role in our awareness efforts on proper management of shorelines. Jessica was the liaison in Ivry-sur-le-Lac for technical support for lakes during the summer season and she did an excellent job!

During the summer, with the help of several volunteers, Jessica studied aquatic plants and looked for exotic invasive aquatic ones, especially Eurasian Water-milfoil in all of our lakes including Manitou, de la Grise, Horseshoe and Barker. In January 2020, she will submit an inventory to the Municipality as well as a detailed report on her efforts this summer.

Thank you Jessica and we wish continued success in your studies!



Excellent News: NO Eurasian Water-Milfoil in Any of Our Lakes !



Amphibious Knotweed identified in Lake Horseshoe

We are very happy to announce that no exotic invasive aquatic plants were found in any of our four lakes! We strongly encourage you to continue the excellent work of protecting our lakes by inspecting and cleaning your boats, your trailers as well as your equipment. We ask you to continue to survey aquatic plants around your docks and especially to look out for *invasive* exotic aquatic plants.

A special thank you to the volunteers for their time and common interest in protecting our lakes: the Parent family, the Caron and Dion family, Josie Castagna, Paula Phelan, Janet Logan, Boyd Fuller, the Ross-Jones family, the Owen family, Pam Fyon, Stephen Takacsy, Lynne Dawson, Joyce Arsenault and Stephen Barker.



Pickerel-weed identified in Lake Manitou

Please note that the images shown here represent plants that are safe.

Goodbye to Johanne Serafin and Welcome to Patricia Sansregret

It is with deep regret that we must say goodbye to Johanne Serafin, our administrative assistant, who spent many hours managing several big projects on behalf of the Municipality and answering many citizen questions. We wish her the greatest success in her upcoming personal projects.

In the same vein, we wish a warm welcome to Patricia Sansregret, who will be with us part-time on a contractual basis. She has a solid experience in the municipal sector, especially in administrative support.

Shoreline Soil Erosion – Deforestation of Banks

As mentioned in last month's Word from the Mayor, human activity such as motorized boating and deforestation of the banks increases shoreline soil erosion. This month, we focus on the link between erosion and deforestation of the banks.

The shoreline strip, essential to the health of lakes, is protected under the *Protection Policy for Shorelines, Coastlines and Floodplains*. To be more specific, the shoreline strip is 10 metres of natural vegetation or 15 metres of natural vegetation if the slope is equal to or more than 30%. This shoreline strip, which ensures the transition between the water and land ecosystems, should ideally consist of indigenous trees, shrubs and herbaceous, in other words, the three layers of natural vegetation.

The shoreline strip serves many functions, especially:

- Nutrient filtration (phosphorus, nitrogen, etc.) flowing towards the streams;
- Retention of runoff water and the infiltration of water into the soil;
- Limitation of bank erosion and landslides;
- Conservation and revitalization of habitats providing food and shelter to flora and wildlife; and
- Shading thereby limiting excessive warming of water on the edges of the lake.

Therefore, bear in mind that any intervention must conform to municipal by-laws.

Sûreté du Québec – Back to School – Eyes Peeled!



For the past few weeks, everywhere in the province, students have been going back to school. The Sûreté du Québec would like to remind all motorists to be particularly vigilant.

To ensure the safety of the numerous students traveling by foot, by bicycle or by bus, officers will ensure compliance of traffic rules and regulations. They will pay special attention to speed limits as well as the mandatory stopping upon the flashing red lights of school buses.

In the presence of a school bus, motorists must pay attention to the flashing lights and be prepared to stop because students that are getting on and off the bus are at their most vulnerable.

Community agents and officers from the Sûreté du Québec will be present in schools to provide safety instructions to students who will be instructed to be vigilant and visible when traveling in school zones.

Diversion Rate of Organic Matter

Ivry-sur-le-Lac recently lost its first-place standing in the **recovery percentage** of organic matter. Alas, we are no longer the leader among the 12 municipalities listed. Use your brown bin as much as possible so we can retake first place! And don't forget, considering the fact that positioning is based upon the **percentage** of recovered organic matter, we can therefore win, even against larger municipalities!



Nature Conservancy Canada – The August 19th Press Conference



From left to right: Luc Piché and son (previous owner), David de Burgh Graham (Government of Canada), Stephen Takacsy (Conservation Manitou), Marc L'Heureux (MRC Laurentides), Daniel Charrette (Ivry-sur-le-Lac), Hubert Pelletier (CNC), Benoit Charrette (Gouvernement du Québec) and Jean Laporte (CNC)

The August 19th press conference for the development project of a wildlife crossing on Route 117 was a great success. About sixty people traveled from near and far to attend this announcement. Attendees were able to participate in the site visit and learn more about the different kinds of wildlife crossings and their function. They could also admire the forests stretching as far as the eye could see. Congratulations on this great project!

Sûreté du Québec: Nautical Patrol

The nautical patrol is mandated to ensure adherence to the rules and regulations on waterways in Ivry-sur-le-Lac. The Sûreté du Québec patrols on navigable lakes and can issue tickets for non-compliance of regulations.

The boats and trailers of the Sûreté du Québec are washed with algacide soap each and every time they exit a lake. This is done in the event that they have to navigate on more than one lake during the day. Therefore, rest assured, these boats comply with the level of boat washing that we require as confirmed in writing by the General Director of the Sûreté.

Temporary Winter Shelter

It's already time to start thinking about winter. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that temporary winter shelters are only allowed between October 1st and May 1st of each year.

Office Closed – Thanksgiving

The offices of the municipality will be closed on Monday, October 14th 2019.



October Council Meeting – CHANGE OF DATE



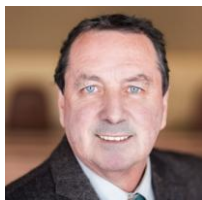
The federal elections will take place on Monday, October 21st, which is the third Monday of October. Considering the fact that the October council meeting was scheduled for that day, we had to postpone the meeting to the next day, in other words to Tuesday, October 22nd beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Other Topics of Interest

Should you have any other topics of interest that you would like us to address in future editions of Word from the Mayor, just let us know and it will be our pleasure to include them.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to ask. The municipal team is there for you!

Once again, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. It has been a real pleasure representing you.



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